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Applicant

SEARCH123.COM, INC.

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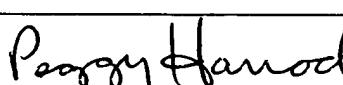
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant SEARCH123.COM, INC.		
<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>5</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of <u>0</u> sheets.</p>		
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application 		

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I. Basis of the report**1. With regard to the elements of the international application:***

the international application as originally filed.



the description:

pages 1-48 as originally filed

pages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____

the claims:

pages 49, as originally filed

pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19pages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____

the drawings:

pages 1-14, as originally filed

pages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____

the sequence listing part of the description:

pages NONE, as originally filedpages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____**2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.**

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:



the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).



the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).



the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

contained in the international application in printed form.



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The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.



The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:the description, pages NONEthe claims, Nos. NONEthe drawings, sheets/fig NONE

This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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PCT/US01/25481**V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-5 YES
Claims NONE NO

Inventive Step (IS)

Claims NONE YES
Claims 1-5 NO

Industrial Applicability (IA)

Claims 1-5 YES
Claims NONE NO**2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS**

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PCT/US01/25481**Supplemental Box**

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Claims 1-5 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over in view of Skillen et al., US 6,098,065 issued 08/2000 in view of Golhaber et al., US 5,855,008 issued 12/1998.

Regarding independent claim 1, Skillen teaches the steps of:

receiving a search criterion from a customer for producing search results (Skillen, col.1, lines 40-42);
obtaining and transmitting the search results to the customer (Skillen, col.4, lines 8-11); and
transmitting to the customer invitations related to the search criterion (Skillen, col.1, lines 44-49, sending the search results together with advertisements which relate to the search criterion).

However, Skillen does not explicitly disclose that transmitting to the customer an advertisement to be included in the target list related to the search criterion.

Golhaber teaches transmitting to the customer an advertisement to be included in a target list (Golhaber, col.3, lines 17-20 and col.12, lines 49-60, the user accepts the invitation by clicking on an advertisement to be included in a list of consumer interest profile). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined Skillen and Golhaber to provide more information based on user interest by using "targeted direct mailings", since user's name and email address are put in consumer interest profile.

Regarding dependent claim 2, which is dependent on claim 1, Skillen and Golhaber teach the limitations as explained in claim 1 above. Refer to the rationale relied to reject claim 1, the step of "receiving from the customer an acceptance of the invitation to be included in the target list, the acceptance including contact information for the customer" is addressed. The rationale is incorporated herein.

Claims 2 and 4 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over the prior art as applied in the immediately preceding paragraph and further in view of Kamakura et al., US 6,047,310 issued 04/2000.

Regarding dependent claim 3, which is dependent on claim 2, Skillen and Golhaber teach the limitations as explained in claim 2 above. Skillen does not explicitly disclose the step of transmitting a confirmation request using the contact information.

Kamakura teaches the step of transmitting a confirmation request using the contact information (Kamakura, col.6, line 56 - col.7, line 3).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have incorporated Kamakura into Skillen and Golhaber to provide a authentication of the accepting, since the confirmation request is sent to the user's email address.

Regarding dependent claim 4, which is dependent on claim 3, Skillen, Golhaber, and Kamakura teach the limitations as explained in claim 3 above. Kamakura further teaches the step of receiving a confirmation of the acceptance from the customer (Kamakura, col.6,

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line 56 - col.7, line 3).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have incorporated Kamakura into Skillen and Golhaber to provide a verification of the accepting, since the user sends back the confirmation.

Regarding dependent claim 5, which is dependent on claim 4, Skillen, Golhaber, and Kamakura teach the limitations as explained in claim 4 above. The combination of Skillen and Golhaber teach adding the contact information to the target list that is related to the search result as explained in claim 1 above. Skillen further teaches, "as user interact with the advertising system, it will continue to compile preference data (e.g. a list of keywords for each user" (Skillen, col.2, lines 44-46).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Skillen and Golhaber to adding the contact information to the target list related to the keyword, since it would have enhanced the organization of user profile.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

US 6,098,065 (SKILLEN et al.) 01 August 2000, see col.1, lines 40-49; col.2, lines 44-46; and col. 4, lines 8-11.

US 5,855,008 (GOLDHABER et al.) 29 December 1998, see col.3, lines 17-20; col.5, lines 12-16; col.12, lines 49-60.

US 6,047,310 (KAMAKURA et al.) 04 April 2000, see col.6, line 63 - col.7, line 3.